

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 7, 9 and 20 without prejudice.
Please add new claims 26-28.

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:

a drive server configured to present one or more
compressed data streams;

5 a control server separate from said drive server and
configured to present a particular one of said one or more
compressed data streams received from said drive server on a
particular one of a plurality of busses as determined by a
particular one of a plurality of request signals;

10 one or more decoder devices connected to said busses, at
least one of said one or more decoder devices being disposed in a
separate room from said control server and said drive server, each
of said one or more decoder devices being configured to decode at
least one of said one or more compressed data streams received from
said control server to generate at least one of a decoded video
15 signal and a decoded audio signal; and

one or more navigation software modules executable on
said control server, each of said navigation software modules being
configured to (i) generate one or more control signals that program
a respective one of said one or more decoder devices in response to

20 one or more user options entered at said respective decoder device
and (ii) parse a respective one of said one or more compressed data
streams.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein said one or more user options are remotely
controlled by a user.

3. (CANCELED)

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein said one or more decoder devices are configured to
enter a diagnostic mode in response to receiving a particular one
of said one or more control signals from said control server.

5. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said one or more compressed data streams comprise one or
more DVD bitstreams.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein said drive server generates a plurality of said
compressed data streams that may each be presented to two or more
of said decoder devices.

7. (CANCELED)

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of busses comprises at least two of (i) one or more universal serial busses and (ii) one or more 1394 busses.

9. (CANCELED)

10. (CANCELED)

11. (CANCELED)

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:

a drive server configured to present ~~one or more~~ a plurality of DVD bitstreams;

a control server separate from said driver server and
5 configured to present said ~~one or more~~ DVD bitstreams received from said drive server on a plurality of cables in response to ~~one or more~~ a plurality of first remotely generated request signals;

~~one or more~~ a plurality of decoder devices connected to said cables, at least one of said ~~one or more~~ decoder devices being
10 disposed in a separate room from said control server and said driver server, each of said ~~one or more~~ decoder devices being

configured to decode at least one of said ~~one or more~~ DVD bitstreams received from said control server to generate at least one of a decoded video signal and a decoded audio signal;

15 ~~one or more~~ a plurality of navigation software modules each executable on said control server; and

~~one or more~~ a plurality of decoder control circuits within said control server, each of said decoder control circuits being configured to control a respective one of said ~~one or more~~ navigation software modules for programming of a respective one of
20 said ~~one or more~~ decoder devices.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein (i) each of said ~~one or more~~ navigation software modules is configured to generate one or more control signals and (ii) said ~~one or more~~ decoder devices are configured to generate
5 said at least one of said decoded video signal and said decoded audio signal in response to said one or more control signals.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method for distributing video, comprising the steps of:

(A) presenting one or more compressed data streams with a drive server to a control server separate from said drive server;

5 (B) distributing said one or more compressed data streams from said control server to one or more decoder devices

across a plurality of busses in response to one or more request signals;

10 (C) decoding at least one of said one or more compressed data streams with said one or more decoders;

(D) presenting at least one signal selected from a decoded video signal and a decoded audio signal in response to decoding said at least one of said one or more compressed data streams, wherein at least one of said one or more decoders is
15 disposed in a separate room from said control server and said driver server; and

(E) executing one or more navigation software modules on said control server, each of said navigation software modules being configured to (i) generate one or more control signals that program
20 a respective one of said one or more decoder devices in response to one or more user options entered at said respective decoder device and (ii) parse a respective one of said one or more compressed data streams.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 14, wherein said said plurality of busses comprise at least two of (i) one or more universal serial busses or (ii) one or more 1394 busses.

16. (ORIGINAL) The method according to claim 14, wherein said one or more compressed data streams comprise one or more DVD bitstreams.

17. (CANCELED)

18. (CANCELED)

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein each of said cables comprise a serial bus.

20. (CANCELED)

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more user options comprise a fast forward request, ~~a pause request and a stop request.~~

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said at least one decoder device comprises a plurality of decoding elements capable of decoding a plurality of video standards, respectively.

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 22, further comprising a supplemental decoder coupled to said

at least one decoder device through a serial interface to receive said at least one compressed data stream through said serial interface.

24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 23, wherein said supplemental decoder comprises:

a decoder circuit; and

a state machine configured to control a plurality of read operations and a plurality of write operations sent to said decoder circuit.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method according to claim 14, wherein said one or more user options comprise a fast forward request, ~~a pause request and a stop request.~~

26. (NEW) The apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising the step of:

parsing said DVD bitstreams with said navigation software modules.

27. (NEW) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein at least one of said decoder devices comprises a plurality of decoding elements capable of decoding a plurality of video standards, respectively.

28. (NEW) The method according to claim 14, wherein step (C) comprises the sub-step of:

5 decoding said at least one of said one or more compressed data streams in one of a plurality of decoding elements in said decoder devices, wherein each of said decoding elements is configured to decode a respective one of a plurality of video standards.